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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON LEBANON

SUMMARY. PRESS BRANDED ISRAELI RAID AS "PRETEXT" TO AVOID
WITHDRAWAL AND "UNPROVOKED" AGGRESSION. EDITORIALS ADD
THAT RAID EVIDENCE OF "FAILURE TO RESPOND" TO INITIATIVE
AND LACK OF COMMITMENT TO PEACE CALLS FOR "URGENT
AMERICAN ACTION". BEGIN GOVERNMENT BETRAYS WEAKNESS IN
TRYING TO LIQUIDATE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM BY FORCE.
PREDICTABLY, REACTION MORE CONCERNED WITH HOW IT MIGHT
INFLUENCE PEACE PROCESS THAN SITUATION IN LEBANON. END
SUMMARY.

1. PRESS JUNE 10 HEADLINED ISRAELI RAID, AHRAH LEAD
DESCRIBING IT AS AIMED AT CREATING NEW SITUATION "TO DELAY
COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON". FORMIN KAMEL, IN
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ARRIVAL STATEMENT JUNE 10, BRANDED RAID AS "UNPROVOKED"
AND SAID IT RAISED DOUBTS ABOUT ISRAEL'S TRUE INTENTIONS.

2. JUNE 11 EDITORIALS, IN ADDITION TO PLAYING ABOVE
THEMES, DESCRIBE RAID AS NEW EVIDENCE OF ISRAEL'S "AGGRES-
SIVE ATTITUDE" AND FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO INITIATIVE.
ISRAEL'S LACK OF COMMITMENT TO PEACE CALLS FOR "URGENT

AMERICAN MOVE" REGARDING PEACE EFFORTS. FAILURE DIS-
APPOINTING TO DREAMS OF "NEW ISRAELI GENERATION" WHO DREAM
OCTOBER WAR WOULD BE LAST. BEGIN GOVERNMENT TOO "WEAK"
TO DEAL WITH PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AT NEGOTIATING TABLE SO
GOE STILL TRYING TO LIQUIDATE PROBLEM. BUT ISRAELI
ACTIONS WILL ONLY CONVINCE WORLD, AND "EVEN ISRAELIS
THEMSELVES", THAT BEGIN GOVERNMENT IS GREATEST OBSTACLE TO
PEACE."

3. COMMENT: REACTION TO RAID ITSELF WAS PREDICTABLY
MILD, WITH EDITORIALISTS' MAIN CONCERN BEING HOW IT
MIGHT ALREADY AFFECT OR DIRECT ATTENTION FROM PEACE
PROCESS. ELTS

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